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## JIMMY ALLISON'S ROMANCE

Jimmy Allison sat bolt upright with fall to come back he will take the sudden movement and formed both other launch and go searching for ands about his lips, so that his voice vould carry as far as possible.

"Look out!" he shouted. "There's a sunken rock shead of you."

The warning was too late, and the peeding launch with a girl and a man on board, crashed upon the hidden ob-By this time Jimmy Allison was on-

ing coat and kicking off his shoes.
"Stick to the boat!" he called in a resonant tone. "I'll be there in a

He bounded across the slender hread of sand that lay betwen him queried: and the Adirondack lake, and plunged in, swimming like a champion going after a world's record.

When he returned he was carrying the slender form of a half-drowned girl, unconscious, partly from water is, if I may, and partly from fright.

Jimmy Allison quickly fetched a tin cup with some whisky in it and poured a little of the liquor between the lips of his patient and before long she was looking about her, faintly smiling. "I am all right now," she said in a voice that was not very steady but quite musicai. "I can't say enough." "I hope," broke in the athletic young camper, "you won't try. You are soaking wet with that freezing water, and if you don't have some dry clothes you will catch your

"I don't sec how I am going to change just now," she declared. That is, unless you loan me yours. "Good suggestion," replied Allison. ecisively. "Go into the lean-to behind the blanket, and help yourself out of my suit case. Then you can put the other blanket around you while your garments dry out."

"But what will you do?" the girl though accustomed to following his

"Oh," returned Allison, blithely, "I am used to it. Water won't do me any harm as long as I keep it on the

So matters were arranged, and there was a brief space of silence. Finally the girl, still hidden behind the blanket, called out:

"I suppose we ought to be intro uced. My name is Beatrice Yates.' "Delighted to meet you, Miss Yates."

laughed the man by the kindling boughs. "The reception was a little cool, but I don't mind if you don't. My name is Allison-Jimmy Allison."

More silence. Then Miss Yates oice from inside the lean-to: "What became of Charley-you snow who I mean—the person in the

aunch with me?" limmy Allison's eves dilated fo instant, and his teeth snapped to-

gether sharply. "I don't know precisely. The last I saw of him he was swimming due north and rapidly approaching dry

Finally Miss Yates came out of the tire, with a blanket wrapped about sure chance to beat a poolroom. You her, and her long hair rippling down fell for that, like some other senators

Jimmy Allison had a cup of steaming coffee ready for her when she ap-

"Drink this as hot as you can stand it." he directed. "It may pre-vent you from taking cold."

The girl followed his wishes without hesitation.

They chatted without constraint for ome minutes. "I suppose Charley will be rather

e where he landed." said Allison after a time, with a touch of nalicious satisfaction in his voice.

Miss Yates did not reply, which might have been construed as mean ing she was not deeply concerned.

"I might go after him with the canoe," he said, "only that I stove in her bows yesterday. I am afraid Charley will have to stay where he is for the present."

"Tell me," he resumed, changing the subject, "where did you come

"My father," replied Miss Yates 'has a summer camp two or three miles up the lake—one of those ab surd places that is a city mansion in

"I suppose," observed Jimmy, af ter a moment, "your father and his friends will be growing anxious about you pretty soon. What will they think

"Pather is a practical man, When I

"Charley will find it rather cool ov er there beyond that point," he said somewhat viciously, as he slammed a heavy log upon the blazing mass sending up a rush of sparks. "The

evenings are chilly in the mountains. "Please don't be anxious abou Charley," rejoined Miss Yates, watch his feet, flinging saide his canvas hunt- ing the smoke and flames. "I didn't

know he was such a-" She left the sentence unfinished and Allison did not complete it fo

Suddenly changing the subject, he "What will you do if your peop don't think of this out-of-the-way

"I will wait till they do come-that

Miss Yates' eyelids were becoming heavy, and Jimmy Allison went into the lean-to and brought out an inflated rubber pillow, which he placed back of her head against the tree. Then he threw over her the blanket that had been hanging from the front of his rude dwelling, and piled more wood upon the fire.

There came a gentle bumming in her ears, the moonlight faded, she sighed softly and was in the calm embrace of slumber.

Miss Yates awoke at the repeated reports of firearms. When she sat up and her startled senses settled themselves, she perceived that Jimmy was firing his revolver in the air, and a moment later she heard him callin a launch as to how they could stee into the cove in safety.

In what seemed like a more instant she was wrapped in the arms of her agitated father, and for some reason asked, obeying him mechanically as she did not at all comprehend she was tleman, who held her to his breast and thanked God many times over that she was safe and sound.

Then Jimmy Allison, who had been regarding the reunion with gravity. began to laugh in a manner slightly forced, and stopped forward.

"Senator Yates," he said, looking at he young girl's father in a steely way, "I didn't expect to see you here Somehow I didn't associate this young

The senator stared hard for an instant and the expression that crossed were rapid and conflicting.

"Young man," he blurted, after minute, "I have seen you somewhere and it wasn't a very agreeable meet

"I tell you where it was," retorted

ent. It may save complications. I met you in the lobby of the Fifth Avenue hotel and gave you the glad

hand. Informed you I was the son of old McIntosh, the banker out in Washoe. You were ever so glad to see sure chance to beat a poolroom. You I know, and with a few engaging

friends I took \$20,000 of your good Ne vada money. I am Jimmy Allison, wirs-tapper. Now you know all about ne-and so does Miss Yates."

"Do you mean to say," Mr. Yates of Kellett, asked harshly, "that you robbed me

of that money?" "That's it," replied Allison shortly.
"It's all right!" he exclaimed, "Any hunan person who can put it over Tom Yates like that is a good one As for the honesty of it-I'll tell you finest mining properties on this continent. I'm selling 'em. If you can hand me a poolroom, you can hand the great American public some mines. You'll get right leto the launch with us and go over to my camp. In the morning we'll talk business. Tonight

we'll sit up and you'll let me thank you with all my heart as many times as I durn please for what you've done for me this day." And the old Senator hugged his fra

gile daughter still closer. "Not tonight," said Jimmy Allison. "You are very good natured to take the wire game so pleasantly and perhaps I'll paddle over tomorrow."
"Surely?" asked Miss Yates, hold-

"I must mend my canoe tomorrow

"We will come for you with the unch," pursued the girl. "Won't and Courier." replied Allison, evasively. launch," pursued the girl. "Won't

you say yes?"
"Certainly he'll say yes!" exclaimed

Senator Yates. Allison did not promise, but pretended to be very light-hearted, and as the lauch drew off, he gave minute directions as to where the Senator and his guides could find the missing Charley.

We'll be here before noon!" shout ed Senator Yates a moment later. "Remember, I must have you on my

As the launch passed out of sight around the point, Jimmy Allison stirred the fire, and with a patch of canvas and some shellac began to

mend his cance.

The sooner she forgets a man like me the better for her," he said savagely crunching the end of his Egyptian cigarette. Next day, when Senator Yates' mo-

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